GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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ARREARS OF OIL COMPANIES
JASWANT SINGH YADAV;SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether mounting arrears forced oil companies to go in for fresh loans;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount of arrears pending;

(c) the amount of additional borrowing likely to be raised; and

(d) the steps taken by the oil companies to recover the arrears?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c): The deficit in oil pool account as on 31-3-2001 was about Rs.12,600 crore which constituted mostly the outstanding amount payable to the oil companies. The level of borrowing varies from company-to-company depending upon various factors including requirement of working capital, capital expenditure, oil pool dues etc.

(d): Oil companies regularly follow up with Oil Coordination Committee while oil pool account allows 10.5% yearly interest on the oil pool dues to them.